



Hearings for Site Recommendation Consideration of the Yucca Mountain Site for Geologic Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste

Comment Sheet

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On transportation, referencing DOE/YMP-0107, the safety of the public, in light of the terrorist attacks of late, should totally negate any thought of surface truck or rail transport. The only way to keep the public safe is to air transport the material to the Nevada Test Site's existing airport and construct, within the secure compound, a rail line to Yucca Mt. This would solve a multitude of security problems through small towns, across bridges, and on the highway system. In my opinion the NUHOMS-MP187 cask is the best shipping container for safety considerations of those I reviewed.

On radiation exposure, referencing DOE/YMP-0403 and DOE/YMP-0337, I feel a very great degree of protective measures must be in place, for the residents of Nye county, before any material is shipped. The populations of many of the towns in Nye county, i.e., Pahrump, Ash Meadows, Beatty, Mercury, Scotty's Junction, Ralston, Alamo, Ash Springs, Crystal Springs, Rachel, to name a few, either do not have any, or have extremely inadequate medical facilities. In most cases only a clinic that is open a few hours a day, and not on weekends.

Only Tonopah has a 24 hour a day medical facility and it is not properly equipped to handle radiation exposure problems. I recommend that a sur-charge, per ton, on this material that is shipped in to Nye county be charged. These monies Nye county would be instructed to use to establish, and fully fund, either hospitals or medical clinics in these towns as necessary. These medical facilities would operate at no charge to the un-insured, of which there are many in this area, to insure the protection of the current population and future generations.